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((EXCERPTS)) TRIPOLI--"EVERY LIBYAN FEELS THAT YUGOSLAV CITIZENS ARE HIS FRIENDS AND HE LOOKS ON YUGOSLAVIA AS AN INDEPENDENT FRIENDLY COUNTRY ON WHICH HE CAN RELY WITH CONFIDENCE." THIS WAS STATED BY COL MU'AMMAR AL-QADHDHAFI, CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTION COMMAND COUNCIL OF THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC, IN HIS INTERVIEW WITH TANJUG EDITOR ENVER MULAHUSIC.
ACCORDING TO COLONEL AL-QADHDHAFI, THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS FOR THESE SENTIMENTS OF THE LIBYANS AND THE BASIC ONE IS THAT, LIKE LIBYA, YUGOSLAVIA IS AN INDEPENDENT AND NONALINED COUNTRY, WHICH HAS NO LINKS WITH ANY BLOC AND WHICH HAS NO SELFISH INTERESTS.
"YUGOSLAVIA, HE SAID, IS NOT A GREAT POWER, NOR IS IT A COUNTRY LINKED TO ANY OF THE GREAT POWERS, OR ONE WHOSE ACTIVITY IS DETERMINED BY HIDDEN MOTIVES, POLITICAL OBJECTIVES OR COLONIALIST ASPIRATIONS. WE FEEL THAT THIS SORT OF THING SIMPLY DOES NOT EXIST IN OUR RELATIONS AND COOPERATION WITH YUGOSLAVIA." ((PASSAGE OMITTED))
THE NATURE AND THE EXTENT OF YUGOSLAV-LIBYAN RELATIONS AND COOPERATION, SO HIGHLY APPRAISED BY CHAIRMAN AL-QADHDHAFI, IS BEST ILLUSTRATED BY THE RECENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT DZEMAL BIJEDIC AND LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER 'ABD AL-SALAM AHMAD JALLUD TO MEET TWICE A YEAR IN THE FUTURE, ALTERNATELY IN BELGRADE AND TRIPOLI. THIS AGREEMENT IS WITHOUT A PRECEDENT IN THE RELATIONS AMONG THE COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT HAVE A FORMAL ALLIANCE AND INDICATES BOTH THE SIGNIFICANCE WHICH THE TWO COUNTRIES ATTACH TO COMPREHENSIVE RECIPROCAL COOPERATION AND TO THEIR MUTUAL WISH FURTHER TO EXTEND THIS COOPERATION. ((PASSAGE OMITTED))
TALKS ARE UNDERWAY ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A JOINT OIL REFINERY IN RIJEKA WHICH WILL PROCESS ABOUT 8 MILLION TONS OF LIBYAN OIL PER ANNUM. ABOUT THREE-FOURTHS OF ITS PRODUCTION WOULD BE EXPORTED, AND ONE FOURTH EARMARKED FOR CONSUMPTION IN YUGOSLAVIA.
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